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Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation was scheduled to be at 12 noon Thursday, June 20, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be to the Unity Point Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Parkinson's Foundation. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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She is survived by four sons, Brent Arvidson of Malcom, Brad Arvidson of Iowa City/Brooklyn, Rod Arvidson of Malcom and Brian Worthy of Boulder, Colo.; one daughter, Melinda Arvidson of Sigourney; seven grandchildren; a sister, Sandra Van Roekel of Grinnell; and other relations and friends.

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